

LETTER

From a Gentleman in Ardmagh,
To his Friend in Dublin.

Giving an Account of the Rapparees
that kill'd Capt. Groves, and Robb'd
several other Persons. VVith the
Beheading the Chief of them.

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Monday the 19th. of July 1697.

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Ardmagh, July 17, 1697.

Y Esterday about six of the Clock in the Afternoon, came into this Town a Country Fellow strip to his shirt, with an Account that *Captain Macnally* and the rest of the *Rapparees* that so long infested this Road, were in a little House within four miles of this place, and that they were there a-sleep ; upon which, *Captain Machlin*, and about 12 men of his *Company* and *Townsmen*, went out with all Expedition, and designed to surprize them ; but they had a Spy at some distance, who run and gave them notice, and so they got to their Horses, and made away as fast as they could, but our Party so eagerly pursued them, that they soon overtook 'em : They fired many Shots, and would not take Quarter ; but after an hours chase, they kill'd *Macnally*, and one *mc Shane*, and brought in their Heads, which were presently fix'd upon the Sessions-House ; these two were the chiefest of those Rogues that Robbed fourteen or fifteen Persons on Wednesday last, and Murdered *Captain Groves* after his being their prisoner a long time, putting one of their *Bayonets* into his Heart, rowling it in his Body till he expired. They drank most of *Dr. Drilincourt's* Wine that was coming hither to Treat the Visitors.

This from your Friend, &c.

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